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Hon. Charlie Parker
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Resources, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Committee for the First and Second Sessions of the Sixty-First General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Sidney Prest, MLA
(Eastern Shore)
Chair
Standing Committee on Resources

Halifax, Nova Scotia
2010

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INTRODUCTION

The Standing Committee on Resources, an all-party Committee of the House of Assembly, was struck at the beginning of the First Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly. Pursuant to Rule 60(2) (e) of the ***Province of Nova Scotia Rules and Forms of Procedures of the House of Assembly:***

(e) The Resources Committee is established for the purpose of considering matters normally assigned to or within the purview of the Departments and Ministers of Agriculture and Marketing, of the Environment, of Fisheries and of Natural Resources. 1987 R. 60(2); am. 1993; am. 1996.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Resources Committee is as follows:

Mr. Sidney Prest, MLA - Chair
Eastern Shore

Mr. Howard Epstein, MLA
Halifax Chebucto

Mr. Jim Boudreau, MLA – Vice-Chair
Guysborough – Sheet Harbour

Mr. Gary Burrill, MLA
Colchester – Musquodoboit Valley

Mr. Jim Morton, MLA
Kings North

Mr. Leo Glavine, MLA
Kings West

Mr. Andrew Younger, MLA
Dartmouth East

Mr. Alfie MacLeod, MLA
Cape Breton West

Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Hants West

PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

The Resources Committee traditionally meets once a month. These meetings were usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Legislative Committees Office. In March 2010, the committee decided to move the meeting day to the 3rd Thursday of the month.

During the First and Second Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly the committee met on the following dates:

November 17, 2009
January 19, 2010
February 16, 2010
March 23, 2010
June 17, 2010

NOTICES, TRANSCRIPTS AND REPORTS

Notices

Notices of the committee meetings are sent to all members of the committee, staff of the caucus offices, the legislative staff and the House of Assembly Press Gallery. The notices are also posted in Province House and are on the committee's website at the following address: http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/committees/resources.html

Transcripts

Transcripts of the Resources Committee meetings are available from the Legislative Library in Province House, the Legislative Committees Office or on the Resources Committee's website at the following address:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r

Reports

All reports of the Standing Committee on Resources are compiled by the Legislative Committees Office and forwarded to committee members for consideration. Once the report is finalized, it is then distributed as follows:

To the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, all Members of the Legislative Assembly, all witnesses who appeared before the committee, the Legislative Library in Nova Scotia and in other provinces and territories, the caucus offices and the media. The report is also available to all persons interested in obtaining a copy from the Legislative Committees Office or on the committee's website at the following address: http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/committees/resources_pubs.html

RESEARCH MATERIAL

All research for the Resources Committee is compiled by the Legislative Library and distributed by the Committee Clerk prior to the meeting to committee members, caucus researchers, Legislative Library in the Province of Nova Scotia and to Hansard Reporting Services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The committee wishes to extend its gratitude to the following witnesses for their time and co-operation: Nova Scotia Cattle Producers, J.D. Irving Limited, Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company Limited, and Mining Association of Nova Scotia. Special appreciation is extended to the staff of the Legislative Committees Office, Mr. Robert Kinsman, Editor of Hansard Reporting Services and staff; Mr. James MacInnes, Coordinator/Director of Legislative Television and Broadcast Services and staff; and Ms. Margaret Murphy, Legislative Librarian and staff, with special thanks to Ms. Heather Ludlow, Information Services Librarian, for her research assistance.

WITNESSES

November 17, 2009	**Organizational Meeting**
January 19, 2010	**State of Nova Scotia's Beef Industry** Nova Scotia Cattle Producers
February 16, 2010	**Value Added Forestry Products** J.D. Irving Limited
March 23, 2010	**Tidal Turbine Implementation** Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company Limited
June 17, 2010	**Mining Association of Nova Scotia**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING — November 17, 2009

WITNESSES

There were no witnesses present at the meeting.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The committee discussed potential witnesses for future meetings of the committee.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2009nov17.htm

STATE OF NOVA SCOTIA'S BEEF INDUSTRY — January 19, 2010

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Cattle Producers
Mr. David Oulton, Chair
Mr. John Tilley, Vice-Chair
Mr. Sean Firth, Policy Advisor

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the state of Nova Scotia's beef industry.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2010jan19.htm

VALUE ADDED FORESTRY PRODUCTS — February 16, 2010

WITNESSES

J.D. Irving Limited
Mr. Blake Brunsdon, Chief Forester
Mr. Conway Elkins, Regional Forester, Nova Scotia & Sussex

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about value added forestry products.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2010feb16.htm

TIDAL TURBINE IMPLEMENTATION — March 23, 2010

WITNESSES

Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company Limited
Mr. Scott Travers, President and COO
Mr. John Woods, Vice-President, Energy Development

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the recent implementation of tidal turbine.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2010mar23.htm

MINING ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA — June 17, 2010

WITNESSES

Mining Association of Nova Scotia
Ms. Michelle Landreville, Executive Director
Mr. Peter Oram, Past President

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the association, its mission and activities.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2010jun17.htm

STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION

All of which is respectfully submitted to the House of Assembly
This 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2010

Mr. Sidney Prest, MLA
Chair

Mr. Howard Epstein, MLA

Mr. Leo Glavine, MLA

Mr. Jim Boudreau, MLA (Vice-Chair)

Mr. Andrew Younger, MLA

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